

PATTERSON, THUENTE, SKAAR & CHRISTENSEN, P.A.  
4800 IDS Center, 80 South Eighth Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-2100 USA

## FACSIMILE COVER SHEET

TELEPHONE: (612) 349-5740 TOLL FREE: 1-800 331-4537

FACSIMILE: (612) 349-9266

TOTAL NUMBER OF PAGES BEING SENT (INCLUDING COVER SHEET): 8

☐ Original documents to follow by mail☒ No originals will be sent

DATE: November 29, 2004

TO: Examiner Stephen J. Castellano  
Group Art Unit 3727

FAX #: 703-872-9306

PHONE #: 1 703 308 1035

Application No.: 10/005,188

OUR REF.: 2267.574-US-02

Applicant: Phil Glynn et al.

Due Date: November 28, 2004

FROM: Wm. Larry Alexander

PHONE #: 612-349-5757

Attached please find the following for filing in the above-identified application.

- (1) Amendment in response to Office Action dated 28 October 2004; and
- (2) Amendment Transmittal

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. Larry Alexander  
Registration No. 37,269

## CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Fax No. 703-872-9306 on the date shown below.

29 November 2004

Date



Wm. Larry Alexander

THIS FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION CONTAINS LEGALLY PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION INTENDED FOR THE PARTY IDENTIFIED ABOVE. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS TRANSMISSION IN ERROR, PLEASE CALL PATTERSON, THUENTE, SKAAR &amp; CHRISTENSEN COLLECT AT (612) 349-5740. DISTRIBUTION, REPRODUCTION OR ANY OTHER USE OF THIS TRANSMISSION BY ANY PARTY OTHER THAN THE INTENDED RECIPIENT IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

NOV 29 2004

## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Attorney Docket No.: 2267.574-US-02

Phil Glynn et al.

Confirmation No.: 6936

Application No.: 10/005,188

Examiner: Stephen J. Castellano

Filed: December 4, 2001

Group Art Unit: 3727

For: WAFER CARRIER WITH STACKING ADAPTOR PLATE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 28 October 2004, Applicants, through their attorney, elect Group 1 consisting of claims 1-9, with traverse. The elected claims read on a wafer container system. Group II reads on a pair of wafer containers and a stack of wafer containers, which may be substantially similar to the wafer container system of Group I. Group III reads on a method of stacking wafer carriers, which may be substantially similar to the wafer container system of Group I. Because the subject matter of Groups I, II, and III is substantially similar, the restriction requirement is traversed because examining the claims reading thereon would not be an undue burden to the Examiner.

The present amendment comprises the following sections:

- A. Amendments to the Claims
- B. Remarks

Application No. 10/005,188

*Please grant any extension of time necessary for entry; charge any fee due to Deposit Account No. 16-0631.*

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this document is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

29 November 2004

Date of Deposit

Wm. Larry Alexander

Wm. Larry Alexander